

Senate Resolution 440

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon Passmore; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon Passmore; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Passmore was born in Cordele, Georgia, and was one of a pioneering
6 group of women, the "Fabulous Five," who became the first women of color to work as
7 school crossing guards in the City of Savannah, where she was responsible for the safety of
8 hundreds of children at Robert W. Gadsden Elementary School; and

9 WHEREAS, she was very active in the PTA at Robert W. Gadsden Elementary School, and
10 she served with distinction as the association's first president; and

11 WHEREAS, she was very active in the civil rights movement, marching the streets of
12 Savannah for equality as a proud and active member of the NAACP; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Passmore was united in love and marriage to the late Ralph N. Passmore
14 on May 5, 1945, and they were blessed with six children, Alvin, Wendell, Ralph, Brenda,
15 Catherine, and Gwendolyn; and

16 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
17 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example she made of her life,
18 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

19 WHEREAS, she leaves behind family, neighbors, and loyal friends who will cherish her
20 memory and the wonderful times shared.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon
23 Passmore.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Mildred Ruth Dixon
26 Passmore.